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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO

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1. DURING MARCH 7 CONVERSATION COVERING NUMBER OF TOPICS, MLOS
RAISED SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO WITH UNDERSECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

YUSUF AL ALAWI. AL ALAWI WAS UNSURE ABOUT POSITION OMANDEL MAY
HAVE TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE AT LIMA NAC--REASONABLY CLEAR INDICA-
TION THAT THEY PASSIVELY ADHERED TO CONSENSUS.

2. MLOS STRESSED THAT USG CONSIDERS ACTION SUCH AS THAT TAKEN
BY NAC TO BE INTERFERENCE IN U.S. INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SINCE OMANGOV
STILL MUST CONTEND WITH MILITARYILY DEFEATED BUT POLITICALLY UN-
REPENTENT "LIBERATION" MOVEMENT HERE, MLOS RHETORICALLY LIKENED
CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION TO CON-
CEIVABLE SIMILAR APPEAL FOR RECOGNITION OF PFLO. AL ALAWI RESPONDED
THAT DIFFERENCE EXISTED: PFLO WAS ON OMANI SOIL, MNL WAS NOT
ON U.S. SOVEREIGN TERRITORY.

3. THIS LED TO INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO'S COM-
MONWEALTH STATUS. UNDERSECRETARY APPARENTLY IS ATTUNED TO
OVERTONES ASSOCIATED WITH TERM "COMMONWEALTH" WHICH FOR HIM
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CONJURES UP AN IMPERIALISTIC ANACHRONISM.

4. PERHAPS MOST TELLING POINT, BOTH IN THIS CONVERSATION AND FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, WAS EMPHASIS ON CUBAN/COMMUNIST SPONSORSHIP OF MOVES INIMICAL TO U.S. INTERESTS. IF ISSUE COULD BE KEPT IN THIS FOCUS, OMAN REASONABLY MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ACT IN RESPONSIBLE MANNER. HOWEVER, INTRODUCTION INTO DEBATE OF QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO'S "INDEPENDENCE" (AS OPPOSED TO STATUS FOR MNL) WELL MIGHT LEAD TO OPPOSITE ACTION. AL ALAWI ALLUDED TO OAU/ARAB LEAGUE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY COUNTER-PART ORGANIZATION'S RECOGNITION OF AREA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. (N.B. HOWEVER, OMAN HAS NOT RECOGNIZED MPLA.) ALTHOUGH THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT EXTEND TO EXTRA-AREA MOVEMENTS, FACT THAT HE RAISED POINT IN THIS CONTEXT HINTS OF LIKELIHOOD THAT OMAN WOULD SUPPORT ANY ARAB LEAGUE STANCE ON ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO "INDEPENDENCE" NO MATTER HOW SPURIOUS THAT MIGHT BE.

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